

**In the Claims**

Please cancel Claims 4, 7-15, and 21; and add Claims 22-26 as follows.

- 1 1. (Canceled).
- 2 2. (Canceled).
- 3 3. (Canceled).
- 4 4. (Canceled).
- 5 5. (Canceled).
- 6 6. (Canceled).
- 7 7. (Canceled).
- 8 8. (Canceled).
- 9 9. (Canceled).
- 10 10. (Canceled).
- 11 11. (Canceled).
- 12 12. (Canceled).
- 13 13. (Canceled).
- 14 14. (Canceled).
- 15 15. (Canceled).
- 16 16. (Canceled).

- 1 17. (Previously Presented). A combined warning flag and storage bag, comprising:
- 2 a bag having a hollow interior and an access opening;
- 3 a rigid member extending along a top edge of the bag; and

4 means for securing the bag to an object;

5 wherein said bag comprises a body of open mesh material stitched along opposite side edges  
6 to form said hollow interior, said body having free ends secured to said rigid member on opposite  
7 sides thereof,

8 wherein the rigid member further comprises a generally rectangularly shaped body portion,  
9 and a relatively thin, depending flange having opposite sides; and

10 said flange is placed between the free ends of the bag, and each of said free ends is secured  
11 to one of said sides.

1 18. (Previously Presented). A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in Claim 17,  
2 wherein:

3 the rectangularly shaped body portion of the rigid member has a plurality of openings  
4 extended transversely therethrough for receiving tie-down straps or other fasteners; and

5 at least one opening formed through an upper edge thereof for receiving an end of a strap to  
6 function as an angle or as a tie-down means.

1 19. (Canceled).

1 20. (Previously Presented). A storage bag for storing small items, comprising:

2 a hollow body formed of open weave mesh material, said body having front and back sides,  
3 a closed bottom, an a closed top;

4 an elongated rigid header bar secured to the closed top and retaining the shape of the bag in

5 unfolded condition, said header bar serving as a means for attaching the bag to a support, and for  
6 attaching a handle to the bag;

7 a closable opening formed through the front side of the bag near closed top, through which  
8 items may be placed in the bag and retrieved therefrom; and

9 said open weave mesh material comprising PVC plastic, thereby rendering the bag resistant  
10 to the effects of water and ultraviolet radiation and enabling the bag to dry quickly and preventing  
11 collection of water therein, whereby the bag is specially suitable for marine use;

12 wherein:

13 the header bar has hook-receiving openings formed therethrough for receiving fasteners to  
14 secure the bag to a support; and

15 said header bar has a generally flat, rectangular upper body portion, and a relatively thin,  
16 depending flange, said flange having opposite sides being secured to the close top of the bag.

1 21. (Canceled).

1 22. (New). A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 17, wherein:

2 a reflective strip is applied to said bag to render it more visible at night time.

1 23. (New). A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 17, wherein:

2 the material comprises a water-repellant coating.

1 24. (New). A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 17, wherein:

2 the body portion has indicia-receiving means thereon.

1 25. (New). A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 20, wherein:

2 a reflective strip is applied to said bag to render it more visible at night time.

1 26. (New). A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 20, wherein:

2 the header bar has indicia-receiving means thereon.